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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE (WFC)

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- 1. IN ABSENCE OF TOP FONOFF OFFICIALS LAST WEEK MEXICO HAS NOT YET SELECTED DELEGATE TO WFC IN MANILA.
- 2. AGATT CONTACTED DIAZ THOME AGAIN JUNE 6 WHO THOUGHT AG SECRETARY MERINO RABAGO NOW LIKELY CANDIDATE AND NOT GONZALEZ COSIO. MERINO HAS CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE WITH RURAL DEVELOPMENT (WITH THE GOM FARM CREDIT BANK) BUT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LIMITED INTERNATIONAL EXPOSURE. HE IS BELIEVED THE MORE PRAGMATIC OF THE TWO AND PERHAPS LESS LIKELY TO GET DIVERTED BY THIRD WORLD THEMES.

3. IN CONVERSATION JUNE 7 WITH RAMOS CANTORAL, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS IN AGRICULTURE, AGATT TOLD THAT IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT MERINO WILL GO TO MANILA. MEETING

PLANNED WITH FOREIGN OFFICE JUNE 14 TO DISCUSS DELEGATION. RAMOS, WHO PLAYED KEY ROLE IN PREPARING FOR FIRST WFC (AT WHICH FORMER PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA WAS ONLY PRESIDENT IN ATTENDANCE), SAID HE, RAMOS CANTORAL, WAS NOT REPEAT NOT GOING BUT "WOULD SEND SOMEONE." THIS MAY GIVE INDICATION OF REDUCED PRIORITY BEING GIVEN TO THIS ROUND.

4. GONZALEZ COSIO MET WITH SECRETARY BERGLAND ON MAY 4. BIO-DATA FORWARDED AT THAT TIME TO FAS. BIO-DATA ON SECRETARY MERINO RABAGO CONTAINED IN MEXICO 1141. AS SOON AS MEXICAN DELEGATE CONFIRMED, WILL CABLE BRIEF BIO SUMMARY. THOMPSON

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